

CLAIMS

1. A portable basketball system comprising:
 - a basketball goal;
 - a support structure being sized and configured to support the basketball goal above a playing surface;
 - a base being sized and configured to support the support structure, and
 - an adjustment assembly that is capable of being moved between a first position in which the portable basketball system is held in a generally fixed position relative to the playing surface and a second position in which the portable basketball system is readily movable relative to the playing surface, the adjustment assembly comprising:
 - a bracket at least partially disposed within a recess in the base;
 - an arm disposed proximate to the bracket;
 - a link pivotally connecting the arm to the bracket; and
 - a wheel assembly connected to the bracket and the arm;

wherein at least a portion of the base contacts the playing surface when the adjustment assembly is in the first position.

2. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, wherein the wheel assembly includes an axle that is disposed through an opening in the arm and a slot in the bracket, the axle being movable within the slot when the adjustment assembly moves between the first position and the second position.

3. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, wherein the wheel assembly includes a wheel at least partially disposed within the bracket.

4. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, wherein the bracket has a generally U-shaped configuration with a first side, a second side and a connection portion.

5. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, wherein the wheel assembly includes an axle with one or more wheels attached to the axle.

6. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, wherein the wheel assembly includes an axle and the arm rotates about the axle of the wheel assembly when the adjustment assembly is moved from the first position to the second position.

7. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, further comprising a wheel attached to the base.

8. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, wherein movement of the adjustment assembly between the first position and the second position does not require substantial tilting of the base.

9. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, wherein a bottom surface of the base remains generally parallel to the playing surface when the adjustment assembly is moved between the first position and the second position.

10. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, further comprising a handle connected to the arm, the handle being sized and configured to move the adjustment assembly between the first position and the second position.

11. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, wherein the bracket is pivotally connected to the base to allow the wheel assembly to turn relative to the base.

12. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, wherein the bracket includes two generally opposing sides and an axle of the wheel assembly is disposed within a slot in the end of the two generally opposing sides, the axle being movable within the slots when the adjustment assembly moves between the first position and the second position.

13. The portable basketball system as in Claim 1, further comprising an interior cavity of the base that is sized and configured to receive ballast material.

14. A portable sports system that is sized and configured to be positioned on a support surface, the portable sports system comprising:

a base include an interior cavity that is capable of receiving ballast material; and

an adjustable transport assembly connected to the base, the adjustable transport assembly comprising:

a wheel assembly including an axle; and

an adjustment assembly that is capable of being moved between a first position in which the portable sports system is held in a generally fixed position relative to the support surface and a second position in which the portable sports system is readily movable relative to the support surface, the adjustment assembly comprising:

a bracket;

a pair of arms disposed on each side of the bracket; and

a pair of links connecting the arms to the brackets, each link being sized and configured so that movement of the adjustment assembly from the first position to the second position corresponds to a change in position of the base member.

15. The portable sports system as in Claim 14, wherein the adjustable transport assembly is rotatably attached to the base member.

16. The portable sports system as in Claim 14, further comprising a handle connected to the pair of arms, wherein motion of the handle towards the support surface

corresponds to motion of the base member away from the support surface, and motion of the handle away from the support surface corresponds to motion of the base member toward the support surface.

17. An adjustable transport assembly suitable for use in connection with a base of a portable sports system, the adjustable transport assembly comprising:

a wheel assembly including an axle; and

an adjustment assembly that is capable of being moved between a first position in which the portable sports system is held in a generally fixed position relative to a support surface and a second position in which the portable sports system is readily movable relative to the support surface, the adjustable assembly comprising:

a bracket including two generally opposing sides, each of the generally opposing sides of the bracket including an opening and an elongated slot;

a pair of arms disposed proximate the generally opposing sides of the bracket, each of the arms including an opening; and

a link pivotally connecting each of the pair of arms to the bracket;

wherein the axle of the wheel assembly is disposed through the opening in each of the pair of arms and through the slot in each of the generally opposing sides of the bracket, the axle being movable within the slot in each of the generally opposing sides of the bracket when the adjustment assembly moves between the first position and the second position.

18. The adjustable transport assembly as in Claim 17, further comprising a wheel attached to the axle of the wheel assembly and the wheel being at least partially disposed between the generally opposing sides of the bracket.

19. The adjustable transport assembly as in Claim 17, further comprising a handle attached to the pair of arms, the motion of the handle in a first direction causes movement of the adjustable assembly from the first position to the second position, and the motion of the handle in a second direction causes movement of the adjustable assembly from the second position to the first position.

20. The adjustable transport assembly as in Claim 17, wherein motion of the handle in the first direction causes rotation of the arms about the axle and the relative upward movement of the bracket relative to the arms.

21. The adjustable transport assembly as in Claim 17, wherein the arm rotates about the axle when the adjustment assembly is moved from the first position to the second position.

22. The adjustable transport assembly as in Claim 17, further comprising a wheel attached to the base.

23. The adjustable transport assembly as in Claim 17, wherein the bracket is sized and configured to be pivotally connected to the base to allow the wheel assembly to turn relative to the base.

24. A portable basketball system for use in connection with a support surface, the portable basketball system comprising:

a basketball goal;

a support structure supporting the basketball goal above the support surface;

a base the support structure, the base including an interior cavity that is capable of receiving ballast material, the base including a lower portion that is sized and configured to contact the support surface; and

an adjustment assembly that is capable of being moved between a first position in which the portable basketball system is held in a generally fixed position relative to the support surface and a second position in which the portable basketball system is movable relative to the support surface, the adjustment assembly comprising:

a bracket including at least one elongated slot;

an arm disposed proximate to the bracket and including an opening;

a link pivotally connecting the arm and the bracket;

a portion of a wheel assembly disposed through the at least one elongated slot in the bracket and the opening in the arm, the movement of the adjustment assembly from the first position to the second position causes the portion of the wheel assembly to move within the slot; and

a handle connected to the arm.

25. A portable basketball system comprising:

- a basketball goal;
- a base;
- a support structure interconnecting the base and the basketball goal; and
- an adjustment assembly movable relative to the base between a first position in which the portable basketball system is held in a generally fixed position relative to a playing surface and a second position in which the portable basketball system is movable relative to the playing surface, the adjustment assembly comprising:
 - a bracket,
 - an arm,
 - a link pivotally attaching the arm and the bracket,
 - a wheel assembly including an axle that is disposed through an opening in the arm and a slot in the bracket, and
 - a handle that is connected to the arm;

wherein movement of the handle causes the adjustment assembly to move relative to the base between the first position and the second position.

26. The portable basketball system as in Claim 25, further comprising an interior cavity of the base that is capable of receiving a ballast material.

27. The portable basketball system as in Claim 25, wherein a portion of the base contacts the playing surface in the first position to hold the basketball goal in the generally fixed position relative to the playing surface.

28. The portable basketball system as in Claim 25, wherein the wheel assembly includes one or more wheels.

29. The portable basketball system as in Claim 25, further comprising a wheel connected to the base.

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30. A portable basketball system comprising:
- a basketball goal;
 - a base;
 - a support structure interconnecting the base and the basketball goal;
 - a wheel assembly including an axle and at least one wheel; and
 - an adjustment assembly that is sized and configured to move the wheel assembly relative to the base between a first position in which the basketball goal is held in a generally fixed position relative to a playing surface and a second position in which the basketball goal is movable relative to the playing surface, the adjustment assembly comprising:
 - a bracket connected to the base, the bracket including two elongated slots and the axle of the wheel assembly being disposed within the slots, the axle of the wheel assembly being movable within the slots when the adjustment assembly moves between the first and second positions;
 - an arm including an opening and the axle of the wheel assembly disposed within the opening;
 - a link connecting the arm and the bracket; and
 - a handle connected to the arm;
- wherein movement of the handle causes the arm to rotate about the axle of the wheel assembly and the link to move the bracket relative to the arm so that the adjustment assembly is moved from the first position to the second position.